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SUBJECT: UN FINANCE: FIFTH COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS PROGRAM

BUDGET SECTIONS 5A AND 21 AND HONORARIA

REF: USUN 5398

1. SUMMARY: AT ITS 1723RD MEETING ON OCT 28, FIFTH COMMITTEE HEARD FURTHER DISCUSSION OF PROGRAM BUDGET SETION 5A (DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS) AND SECTION 21 (OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION). COMMITTEE ALSO DISCUSSED HONORARIA FOR MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION (ILC), INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD (INCB), AND UN ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL (UNAT), DURING WHICH UPPER VOLTA DEL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HIS DRAFT RESOLUTION (A/C.5/L.1236). ON OCT 29 COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER DRAFT REPORTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 94 (FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS) AND 102 (SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS) IN DOCUMENTS A/C.5/L.1234 AND A/C.5/L.1235. COMMITTEE WILL THEN CONCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF PROGRAM BUDGET SECTIONS 5A AND 5B AND CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF SECTION 21. END SUMMARY

2. SECTION 5A (DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS) - DESULTORY DISCUSSION WAS DOMINATED BY FRENCH DEL (DEERE), WHO URGED CLOSER COORDINATION OF DEVELOPMENT

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ACTIVITIES IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS DIVISION, AND ASKED WHY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION BUDGET WAS NOT REVISED AFTER PROGRAM CHANGE RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND COORDINATION (CPC). SHE ALSO PRAISED STATISTICS DIVISION AND URGED MORE ATTENTION TO PROMOTION OF SALES OF STATISTICAL PUBLICATIONS. PHILIPPINE DEL PROPOSED INTEGRATION OF OCEAN, ECONOMICS AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES WITH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION. BUDGET DIRECTOR LAVAU REPLIED TO QUESTIONS AND PROMISED TO TAKE SUGGESTIONS INTO ACCOUNT.

3. ITEM 96 - HONORARIA (DRAFT RES IN A/C.5/L.1236) - UK REP WAS SATISFIED WITH UPPER VOLTA DRAFT RES AND RESERVED ITS POSITION ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES UNTIL 31ST GA. ARGENTINA AND JAPAN, AS COSPONSORS, STRESSED NEED FOR UNIFORM CRITERIA IN PAYMENT OF HONORARIA. SWEDEN SAID IT WOULD NOT OPPOSE PROPOSED STUDY, BUT ALSO WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN ACCEPTING PAYMENTS OUTLINED IN SYG'S REPORT, PARA 4. JAMAICA ASKED ABOUT SALARIES OF CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (ICSC) AND CHAIRMAN OF ACABQ, THEN PROCEEDED TO SHOW THAT MEMBERS OF ILC ESPECIALLY WERE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST WITH PAYMENT OF \$83 PER WEEK, BUT ALSO ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL MEMBERS WITH \$143 AND INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD MEMBERS WITH \$125 PER WEEK RESPECTIVELY. GUYANA REQUESTED INFORMATION ABOUT MEMBERS OF ILC AND WHY IT WAS SO IMPORTANT TO HAVE A \$500 INCREASE. DEBATE WAS SUSPENDED.

4. SECTION 21 - PUBLIC INFORMATION - REP OF NETHERLANDS SAID, WITH INCREASED EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC MATTER IN UN, MEMBERSHIP SHOULD NOT ONLY GIVE LIP SERVICE TO CESI BUT ALSO INCORPORATE ITS STAFF IN REGULAR BUDGET RATHER THAN FINANCE IT FROM VOLUNTARY FUNDS. ANNOUNCED HIS GOVT WILL CONTRIBUTE \$300,000 TO CESI TRUST FUND UPON APPROVAL OF PARLIAMENT. ALSO SUGGESTED THAT MAJOR DEBATE ON INFORMATION POLICY TAKE PLACE IN OFF-BUDGET YEARS EARLY IN SESSION SO COMMITTEE FIVE COULD ADEQUATELY STUDY OPI.

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5. REP OF JAPAN ENDORSED OPI'S THEMATIC APPROACH, HOPED CONCERTED EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO COMBAT ANTI-UN PROPAGANDA, THOUGHT CLOSER COOPERATION SHOULD BE PURSUED BETWEEN OPI AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, FAVORED REGIONAL CONFERENCES, APPRECIATED RESTRAINTS IN BIENNIAL BUDGET, HOPED OFFICE WOULD CONTINUE MAXIMIZING EXISTING RESOURCES AND STRIVING FOR REDEPLOYMENT. SAID THERE IS NEED TO EXPLORE COST EFFECTIVENESS, AND THAT GREATER EFFORT SHOULD

BE MADE TO HAVE HOST GOVTS SHARE EXPENSES OF NEW CENTRES.  
SAID CESI IS DOING GOOD JOB AND THAT HIS GOVT  
WOULD CONTRIBUTE \$200,000; ADDED THAT IT SHOULD NOT  
BE FINANCED FROM VOLUNTARY FUNDS.

6. REP OF TUNISIA MADE SHORT POLICY STATEMENT, SAYING OPI'S  
TERMS OF REFERENCE SHOULD BE BROADENED IN LINE WITH ITS  
NEW RESPONSIBILITIES; ITS PRESENT STRUCTURE DOES NOT  
TAKE INTO ACCOUNT GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION AT HIGHEST  
LEVELS; COMMITTEE FIVE SHOULD NOT CONTINUE TO DISCUSS  
ITS POLICIES AND PRIORITIES, BUT INSTEAD THIS TASK SHOULD  
BE GIVEN TO ANOTHER BODY TO LAY DOWN PRIORITIES AND MAKE  
RECOMMENDATIONS TO GA; AND FINALLY THAT OPI SHOULD BE  
STRENGTHENED AND STUDIED AT A HIGHER LEVEL.

7. REP OF ROMANIA PRAISED WORK OF ASYG AKATANI BUT SAID  
THERE IS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT; OPI DOES NOT FULLY  
UTILIZE NEW AVAILABLE TECHNICAL MEANS, AND CLOSER RELA-  
TIONSHIP IS NEEDED BETWEEN OPI AND MASS MEDIA. ENDED  
BY SAYING OPI HAS SIGNIFICANT TASK AHEAD AND THAT HIS  
GOVT WILL STEADILY SUPPORT ITS EFFORTS.

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